

of the extreme Taborites served up afresh. Not only are all equal and all things are held in common in the community of God's elect, which he finally founded at Mlihlhausen. In order to establish the true Church on earth, the wicked must be destroyed. If princes, lords, or gentlemen refuse to become members of this true Church, they shall be beheaded or hanged. For the ungodly, especially godless rulers, parsons, monks, must be put to death like the Canaanites of old. This gospel meant war to the knife against existing institutions, yet Munzer did not hesitate to preach it in the castle of Alstedt in the presence of the Elector Frederick and Duke George of Saxony, and, for preaching it, he, like Carlstadt, was, at Luther's instigation, forbidden the electoral dominions, and betook himself to the Upper Rhineland, and divers other regions, cursing Luther as he went. His gospel was not new, was in truth but an echo from Mount Tabor and the erratic preachers of popular rebellion who had long prophesied a new order of things. But it drew crowds, while the parish churches stood empty. "All this sort of thing is pleasing to the masses," wrote the observant chronicler. Verily an ominous sign of the times in view of the seething discontent that was more and more outrunning the merely theological reformers, and was seeking practical remedies in social revolution as well as religious reformation.

SOURCES.—Luther's Works as collected in his *Sammtliche Werke* (Erlangen) and the more recent *Kritische Gesamt-ausgabe* (Weimar), particularly the following: *An den Christ-lichen Adel Deutscher Nation* (1520); *De Captivitate Baby-lonica Ecclesiee, Praeludium* (1520) ; *Epitoma Responsionis ad Martinum Luther* (per *Fratrern Silvestrum de Prierio*, 1520); *Von der Freiheit eines Christen Menschen* (1520); *Eine treue Ermahnung zu alien Christen sich zu verhliten vor Aufruhr und Emporung* (1522); *Ulrich von Hutten's Opera*, edited by Booking (1859-62); *Strauss, Life and Times of Ulrich von Hutten*, translated by Mrs Sturge (1874); *Ulman, Franz von Sickingen* (1872); *Bezold, Geschichte der Deutschen Reformation* (1890); *Janssen, Geschichte des Deutschen Volkes*, vols. iii. and iv. of English translation ; *Ranke, Deutsche Geschichte im Zeitalter cler Reformation*,